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FIRST HALF OF 1977

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1. FRG-COMMUNIST COUNTRY TRADE. JUST RELEASED
STATISTICS OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY SHOW A DECREASE
OF TOTAL FRG TRADE WITH STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES IN THE
FIRST HALF OF 1977 TO SOME DM 13 BILLION, DOWN 5.6
PERCENT FROM THE SAME PERIOD IN 1976. THE DECLINE IS
OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE SINCE GERMAN TRADE AS A
WHOLE WITH ALL NATIONS INCREASED BY 8.6 PERCENT IN
THIS PERIOD. IMPORTS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES DECLINED
MARGINALLY BY 0.6 PERCENT TO DM 7.9 BILLION AND EXPORTS
TO THE SAME COUNTRIES DECLINED BY 8.6 PERCENT TO REACH
A LEVEL OF DM 5.1 BILLION. GERMAN TRADE WITH COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES CONSTITUTED ONLY 5.2 PERCENT OF TOTAL GERMAN
INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

2. EASTERN EUROPE. FRG TRADE WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN
STATE TRADING COUNTRIES (EXCLUDING USSR) SHOWED
POSITIVE GROWTH RATES - EXPORTS UP 4.7 PERCENT AND
IMPORTS UP 8.2 PERCENT. HIGHEST FRG EXPORT INCREASES
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BY COUNTRY WERE TO HUNGARY (30 PERCENT) AND ROMANIA
(20 PERCENT); DECREASES WERE RECORDED TO BULGARIA
(-32 PERCENT) AND TO THE USSR (-13 PERCENT).

ON THE IMPORT SIDE TRADE FROM POLAND INCREASED BY
18 PERCENT AND FROM HUNGARY 17 PERCENT. TOTAL IMPORTS
FROM THE USSR DECLINED BY -10.7 PERCENT MAINLY DUE TO

A DECREASE IN DELIVERIES OF OIL AND FUELS.

3. ASIA. AFTER OVER-PROPORTIONALLY HIGH GROWTH RATES
DURING THE FIRST HAIF OF 1976, TRADE WITH THE PRC
DECREASED NOTICEABLY THIS YEAR WITH EXPORTS DOWN
-49.6 PERCENT AND IMPORTS DOWN -6.7 PERCENT.

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